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SUBJ: AUSTRALIAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS: TARIFF QUOTAS ON

"WHITE GOODS"

REF: CANBERRA 1571

1. TEXT OF SPECIAL MINISTER OF STATE ANNOUNCEMENT DATED
MARCH 11 SUBSTANTIALLY CONFIRMS INFORMATION REPORTED REFTEL.
FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL DETAILS NOW AVAILABLE.

2. TARIFF QUOTAS ON DOMESTIC ELECTRIC REFRIGERATORS APPLY
ONLY ON THOSE OF 200 LITERS OR ABOVE IN TWO CLASSIFICATIONS
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AS REPORTED REFTEL PARAS 2 (A) AND (B) AND 3 (A) AND (B).

3. NORMAL NON-PREFERENCE DUTY RATES ON GOODS IMPORTED WITHIN QUOTA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- (A) SMALLER REFRIGERATORS: 25 PERCENT
- (B) LARGER REFRIGERATORS: 35 PERCENT
- (C) CLOTHES DRYERS: 25 PERCENT
- (D) WASHING MACHINES (INCLUDING COMBINED WASHER/DRYER): 35 PERCENT

4. MEASURES ANNOUNCED WILL APPLY TO ALL IMPORTS OF GOODS SPECIFIED INCLUDING THOSE NOW IN TRANSIT OR IN BOND. TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE AUTHORITY REPORT ON WHICH DECISION BASED NOT BEING RELEASED PENDING COMPLETION OF CONSULTATIONS REGARDING TREATMENT TO BE ACCORDED NEW ZEALAND GOODS.

5. ANNOUNCEMENT STRESSES THAT ACTION IS "A SHORT-TERM MEASURE OF ASSISTANCE TO LOCAL INDUSTRY" PENDING CONSIDERATION OF REPORT BY INDUSTRIES ASSISTANCE COMMISSION (IAC) ON LONG-TERM PROTECTION REQUIREMENTS OF THE INDUSTRY. IAC INQUIRY IN THIS RESPECT WILL ALSO INCLUDE DOMESTIC FREEZERS AND NON-DUCTED AIR CONDITIONING MACHINES AND EVAPORATIVE AIR COOLERS. IAC HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO SUBMIT INTERIM REPORT BY DECEMBER 31, 1975.

6. BOTH LARGE REFRIGERATORS AND CLOTHES DRYERS BUT NOT WASHERS BOUND TO U.S. BOUND RATE ON REFRIGERATORS IS 47.5 PCT. AND ON DRYERS 45 PCT. NOTE THAT COMPOUND PENALTY RATES ON THESE TWO ITEMS ARE IDENTICAL TO BOUND RATES.
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